

clean needles to those who engage in intravenous drug use. But those kind of issues like the condoms and the needles are the ones that can excite people and incite them so a lot of discussion and attention are directed at those things as being the underminers of society.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the ones who are involved in the undermining are the children. So the children are to be handled in this manner. And what really seems incongruous and ironic to me is the fact that this is a Legislature which supposedly is pro-life. They talk so much and pontificate to such an extent about no abortion, but then they have no concern about the children once they're here. What do you do with them? Lock them up. Punish them. You cannot salvage them. You can't rehabilitate them. So build a place, lock them up, make them worse, then when they come out here and do what you can predict they'll do after having been in that environment, you sit back and say with satisfaction, see, I told you. They're hopeless. No, there is a program afoot here and a mind-set that I think is destructive of this society.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the victims are not just the children, they're the children now, but others will pay later.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise in opposition to the Pedersen amendment. Let me just pick up where Senator Chambers left off because I think he does raise some concerns that I think long term we have to be aware of and that is that there certainly are problems in our juvenile justice system. But I don't think the Pedersen amendment is going to be a solution to those problems. What LB 988 attempted to do, as Senator Wehrbein mentioned, is to expand the range, the continuum of care that's allowed for juveniles who become delinquents. We do have juveniles who are dangerous, who are violent, who do pose a problem of, for correctional, correctional institutions or for the juvenile court. And that's the intent behind having a secure facility, to have that extreme measure that hopefully will not be used as the...very often;